



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

Date: July 2, 2014
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Dennis Melvin Hill v. City of Minneapolis, Officer Matthew Kaminski and Officer Jason Schmitt*
District of Minnesota File No. 13-cv-705 (PJS/SER)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this claim by payment of \$7,000.00 to the Trepanier, MacGillis Battina, P.A. trust account from Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by:  _____
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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- ☐ Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
- ☒ Other financial impact (Explain): 06900 1500100 145400
- ☐ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information

Dennis Melvin Hill brought a lawsuit claiming excessive force, assault and battery during his apprehension and detention on April 9, 2007. The City of Minneapolis and involved officers denied all liability. Following a court ordered settlement conference Hill agreed to dismiss his case and execute a general release in exchange for the payment from the City of \$7,000.00. Settlement is in the best interests of the City and we recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.